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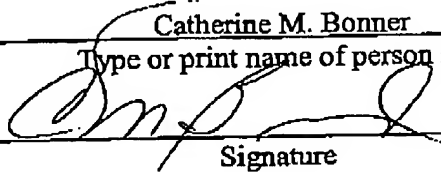
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First Named Inventor: Ira C. Felkner, *et al.* §
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Title: METHOD FOR EVALUATING STERILIZATION PROCEDURES USING A
BIOLOGICAL INDICATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: